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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

Mechthild RIEPING, et al.

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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE FERMENTATIVE PREPARATION OF L-AMINO ACIDS
USING STRAINS OF THE ENTEROBACTERIACEAE FAMILY:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph beginning on page 13, line 24 with the following:

Parts of the 5' and 3' region of the poxB gene are amplified from Escherichia coli K12 using the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and synthetic oligonucleotides. Starting from the nucleotide sequence of the poxB gene in E. coli K12 MG1655 (SEQ ID No. 1), the following PCR primers are synthesized (MWG Biotech, Ebersberg, Germany):

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poxB'5'-1: 5' - CTGAACGGTCTTAGTGACAG - 3' (SEQ ID No. 5)

poxB'5'-2: 5' - AGGCCTGGAATAACGCAGCAGTTG - 3' (SEQ ID No. 6)

poxB'3'-1: 5' - CTGCGTGCATTGCTTCCATTG - 3' (SEQ ID No. 7)